not control, and that was why Government prohibited those conferences.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—Do the Government believe that the object of the leaders of the conference was to canvass votes as was alleged by a member of the House in another connection?

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—I make that statement even now.

DEWAN.—Let me say that the leaders meant well, that the Government meant well and that everybody else meant well, too.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—We thank you for that statement.

Prohibition to hold the Raiyats' Conference at Naganahalli.

MESSRS. H. B. GUNDAPPA (Hassan Taluk) and A. S. NANJUNDAPPA (Alur Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—32. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What are the special reasons that led to the prohibition of the holding of the Raiyats' Conference at Naganahalli in Belur Taluk?

(*b*) Has it come to the notice of Government that it was the 11th Raiyats' Conference arranged to be held in the taluk?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of this House the order or circular of Government prohibiting the above meeting?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—(*a*) The idea of holding a conference was abandoned by the leaders.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—The answer to question (*a*) is to the effect that the leaders themselves abandoned the idea of holding the conference. Is it not a fact that the District Magistrate sent for the leaders and said that he would have to prohibit the conference if it was not abandoned?

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN).—No. Our information is that the District Magistrate sent for the leaders who told him that the gentleman who was to have presided was not well and they were going to drop the idea of a conference.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—Is it not a fact that Government issued instructions to the District Magistrate first and the District Magistrate sent for the leaders subsequently?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—Government asked the Deputy Commissioner to advise the people concerned in the matter and they accepted his advice.

Raiyats' Difficulties due to the introduction of the Agriculturists' Relief Regulation.

MESSRS. P. BASAVE GOWDA (Arsikere Taluk) and K. NARASIMHA SETTY (Arsikere Municipality).—

Q.—33. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What measures have been contemplated or are being contemplated to avoid the hardship caused in raising loans consequent on the introduction of the Agriculturists' Relief Regulation?

(*b*) (i) Whether it is known to Government that this Regulation has afforded facilities only to those who have raised loans previously but has caused hardship to those who require agricultural implements now?

(ii) If so, has any arrangement been made in each taluk office to readily grant loans to the raiyats to improve their lands and to purchase bullocks, seeds and manure?

THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. H. V. RAMASWAMI).—

A.—(*a*) and (*b*) In Government Order No. P. 1300-11—Legis. 20-34-2, dated 8th September 1934, a committee was appointed to examine how far the extension of the Regulation to the whole State has affected the credit of the agriculturists and to submit a report to Government indicating in what respects, if any, the Regulation requires to be amended. The committee's report

has been received. The Government have passed orders on the report and a bill to amend the Regulation has been placed before the Representative Assembly.

Laws Delays in the Shimoga Division.

MESSRS. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk); N. M. SIVALINGAPPIAH and K. THIMME GOWDA (Kadur Taluk); D. V. HALAPPA (Birur Municipality); HANJI BASAPPA (Tarikere Taluk); M. THIMMIAH (Tarikere Municipality); C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests); K. MALLE GOWDA and M. HUTCHE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).—

Q.—36. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the number of cases (i) brought to file, (ii) disposed of, and (iii) pending, in the Court of the Special First Class Magistrate, Chikmagalur, during each of the past six years?

(*b*) What is the number of cases brought to file, disposed of and pending during each of the past six years in the District and Sub-Courts of Shimoga separately; and of these, what is the number of appeals?

(*c*) Of the appeals filed in the above mentioned courts, what is the number of appeals filed in each of the past six years (i) on the orders passed by the Munsiff of Narasimharajapura and (ii) on the orders passed by the Munsiff, Chikmagalur, separately?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) Statements furnishing the particulars are placed on the table (*vide* Appendix).

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—It is seen from the answer to the question that the number of pending cases, both original and appeal, is steadily increasing in the Shimoga District Court and that there is also congestion of work in the Munsiffs' Courts at Narasimharajapura and Chikmagalur. Would it not be desirable to give appellate jurisdiction to the First Class Magistrate at Chikmagalur so far as criminal cases at present within the jurisdiction of the Narasimharajapura and Chikmagalur Munsiffs are concerned?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that representations in this matter have been made to the High Court and that some of the Judges of the High Court have also expressed the opinion that the suggestion is desirable?

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN).—If so, there will be no complaints in future.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Will the Government be pleased to pass early orders if the High Court make any reference in the matter to the Government?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—Certainly.

MR. V. V. IYER.—How many cases are there on the file of the courts referred to, which have not come up for hearing even once for the last 5 or 6 years?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Are the Government aware, at least, that there are many cases of that kind?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Will not such inordinate delays for years together cause a lot of hardship and loss to the litigant public?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—The High Court are trying all possible means of expediting disposals.

Poor Houses in the State.

MR. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests).—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

In what places of the State are poor houses constructed and, out of them, how many and in what places are they working?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA).—

A.—It is not clear what the member means by the term "poor houses," whether they are places for the housing of the aged poor and the